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SUBJECT: TALKS AT EL ARISH AND BEERSHEVA

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1. I THINK THE GOI WOULD GO FOR IDEA OF ALTERNATIVE
MEETINGS AFTER LONDON GET TOGETHER IN EL ARISH AND
BEERSHEVA. BEGIN, LIKE SADAT, HAD FORESEEN THIS
POSSIBILITY LAST JANUARY AS FOLLOW-ON TO THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE MEETING IN JERUSALEM, BUT HAD ALSO PUT IT
ASIDE WHEN THAT MEETING ABORTED. DAYAN TOLD ME YESTERDAY
HE TOO LIKED THE IDEA OF MOVING THE VENUE TO EL ARISH.
(WEIZMAN SAID THE SAME THING A FEW HOURS EARLIER.) DAYAN
IS, OF COURSE, ACHING TO BYPASS KAMEL AND GET TOGETHER
WITH SADAT. HE HAS NO DOUBT NOTICED THAT EL ARISH IS
SIGNIFICANTLY CLOSER TO CAIRO THAN IS LONDON. IN FACT,
HE IS PROBABLY ALREADY DREAMING OF A SECRET MEETING
WITH SADAT SOMEWHERE IN THE SINAI, OR PERHAPS EVEN IN
ALEXANDRIA. HE MAY ALSO THINK LIKE THE REST OF US THAT
NO HARM WOULD BE CAUSED BY GETTING KAMEL CLOSER TO SADAT.
DAYAN DOES NOT CARE MUCH ONE WAY OR THE OTHER WHETHER ALTER-
NATE SESSIONS IN BEERSHEVA WERE PART OF THE BARGAIN.

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2. BEGIN, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD TRY HARD FOR
RECIPROCITY AND A MOVABLE FEAST BETWEEN THE TWO TOWNS.
SUCH AN AGREEMENT, IN ISRAELI EYES, MIGHT ALSO DO A BIT
TO MINIMIZE US MANAGEMENT OF THE OPERATION AND PROVIDE
A SYMBOLIC LINK BETWEEN THESE MEETINGS AND EARLIER DIRECT
DISCUSSIONS IN THE AREA BETWEEN GOI AND EGYPT. IN MY
VIEW, WE SHOULD SUPPORT AN EVENTUAL MOVE EITHER TO EL

ARISH ALONE OR TO EL ARISH/BEERSHEVA, IN AN EFFORT TO
GET TALKS OUT OF THE TV LIMELIGHT AND CLOSER TO CAIRO,
DESPITE THE OBVIOUS LOGISTICAL DRAWBACKS.
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